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I and the California members of USOA (about 40% of the membership) wish to object strongly to Proposal #4 in the current MLPA process. Salt Point is a prime diving area for skin and scuba divers from the Bay Area. Most of us having been diving there for more than 40 years. We all supported the total reserve in the Main Cove, but to make the Cove and 10 miles more a total reserve is very disturbing.

Salt Point is a safe, inexpensive, easy access for divers and anglers who want to fish and/or take abalone. Whether from a kayak, float or surfmat, the area is protected and accessible. Closing the area to abalone diving will put considerably more pressure on other access points and the ab population in general.

Our north coast is often rough with limited visibility. Much of the north coast ocean is inaccessible - private lands and/or steep cliffs. This is not Monterey with its broad flat access points. If we must lose part of Sea Ranch to accommodate Salt Point, so be it. There will still be public access which we divers fought for long and hard. A total reserve would fit there much better as public access is already limited.

Please consider Proposals #2 & #3 as much better options for the area. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

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